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In re Application of
Timmerman et al.

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Title: HEAT-SEALABLE FILTER MATERIAL WITH BIODEGRADABLE POLYMERS

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

This Response is responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed February 19, 2002 ("Notice"). Accordingly, included herewith for insertion is a clean version of the sole amended claim, Claim 1, as required by the Notice and 37 C.F.R. 1.121.

Respectfully submitted,

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1. A heat-sealable multi-plied filter material, comprising: at least one ply containing natural fibers and one ply containing biodegradable, thermoplastic fibers made of a member selected from the group consisting of aliphatic polyesteramides, partially aromatic polyesteramides, aliphatic polyesters, partially aromatic polyesters, aliphatic polyesterurethanes, partially aromatic polyesterurethanes, aliphatic polyestercarbonates and aliphatic-aromatic polyestercarbonates; and a second ply, wherein said ply containing natural fibers and said ply containing biodegradable, thermoplastic fibers are connected by interpenetration of said thermoplastic fibers and said natural fibers to form pores.